Minutes

Town of Lake Park, Florida Town Commission Meeting February 18, 2004 7:30 p.m.

Town Commission Chambers, 535 Park Avenue

The Town Commission met for the purpose of a Regular Town Commission Meeting on Wednesday, February 18, 2004 at 7:30 p.m. Present were Mayor Castro, Vice-Mayor G. Chuck Balius, Commissioners Longtin, Otterson and Garretson, Town Manager Doug Drymon, Town Attorney Thomas Baird and Town Clerk Carol Simpkins.

Mayor Castro called the Meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.

Bishop Granger gave the Invocation.

Mayor Castro led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Deputy Town Clerk Stephanie Thomas performed the Roll Call.

ADDITIONS/DELETIONS

Item M-9 Request for the use of Kelsey Park for Haitian Flag Day celebration on May 15, 2004 was moved from Discussion and Possible action and placed before Ordinances-Second Reading/Final adoption.

Item K-6 One Park Place was deferred until the March 3, Regular Commission Meeting.

MOTION: A motion was made by Commissioner Garretson to approve the February 18, 2004 Agenda; Commissioner Otterson made the second.

Vote on Motion:

Commission Member	Yes	No	Other
Commissioner Garretson	X		
Commissioner Otterson	X		
Commissioner Longtin	X		
Vice-Mayor Balius	X		
Mayor Castro	X		

Motion passed 5-0.

PRESENTATIONS:

Captain John Carroll introduced Sergeant Michael Antonopoulos to the Town Commission. He indicated that Sergeant Michael Antonopoulos would provide coverage for the Town in the event that Captain Carroll is not available.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

The following person(s) addressed the Commission:

Joel Briar, 2328 Congress Avenue spoke regarding the Town of Lake Park Firefighters Pension Fund.

CONSENT AGENDA

Commission Meeting Minutes of January 8, 2004. Commission Meeting Minutes of February 4, 2004 Commission Meeting Minutes of February 9, 2004 Commission Meeting Minutes of February 11, 2004

MOTION: A motion was made by Vice Mayor Balius to approve the Commission Meeting Minutes of January 8, February 4, 9, and 11, 2004 as corrected. Commissioner Garretson made the second.

Vote on Motion:

Commission Member	Yes	No	Other
Commissioner Garretson	X		
Commissioner Otterson	X		
Commissioner Longtin	X		
Vice-Mayor Balius	X		
Mayor Castro	X		

Motion passed 5-0.

Request for use of Kelsey Park for the Haitian Flag Day celebration on May 15, 2004.

MOTION: A motion was made by Commissioner Garretson to approve the request for Haitian Flag Day in Kelsey Park. Commissioner Longtin made the second.

Vote on Motion:

Commission Member	Yes	No	Other
Commissioner Garretson	X		
Commissioner Otterson	X		
Commissioner Longtin	X		
Vice-Mayor Balius		X	
Mayor Castro	X		

Motion passed 4-1.

Vice Mayor Balius feels that although people of the Haitian nationality are celebrating their own culture through Haitian Flag Day, they should consider celebrating American Flag Day which is held annually on June 14.

PUBLIC HEARING/S:

ORDINANCES ON SECOND READING/ADOPTION:

ORDINANCE NO. 06-2004

AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWN COMMISSION OF THE TOWN OF LAKE PARK, FLORIDA, AMENDING CHAPTER 13, SECTION 13-36(116) OF THE TOWN CODE TO REPEAL LICENSING FEES FOR ICE VENDING MACHINES; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING FOR CODIFICATION; PROVIDING FOR THE REPEAL OF LAWS IN CONFLICT; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Public Hearing opened. No Speakers Public Hearing closed.

MOTION: A motion was made by Commissioner Longtin to adopt Ordinance No. 06-2004. Commissioner Garretson made the second.

Vote on Motion:

Commission Member	Yes	No	Other	
Commissioner Garretson	X			10-19

Commissioner Otterson	X	
Commissioner Longtin	X	
Vice-Mayor Balius	X	
Mayor Castro	X	

Motion passed 5-0.

ORDINANCE NO. 07-2004

AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWN COMMISSION OF THE TOWN OF LAKE PARK, FLORIDA, AMENDING CHAPTER 13, SECTION 13-36(173)(c)(3) OF THE TOWN CODE TO CLARIFY THE OCCUPATIONAL LICENSE FEES TO BE CHARGED FOR REAL ESTATE RENTALS OF COMMERCIAL PROPERTY WHICH ARE USED FOR THE OPERATION OR TRANSACTION OF A BUSINESS, OCCUPATION, OR PROFESSION FOR WHICH A SEPARATE OCCUPATIONAL LICENSEE IS REQUIRED BY CHAPTER 13 ON A PER UNIT BASIS; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING FOR CODIFICATION; PROVIDING FOR THE REPEAL OF LAWS IN CONFLICT; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Public Hearing opened.

Richard Ahrens, 1461 Kinetic Road posed a question to the Commission relating to the Town charging the owner/landlord of the building an occupational license fee for the business and an additional fifty dollars (\$50.00) for each bay.

Gary Jackson, 1210 Gateway Road opined that the Town Commission is not keeping their promise of a business friendly environment for the business owners in Town of Lake Park.

Eleanor B. Halperin, Levy, Kreen & Mariani, LLC, representing Stuart Enterprises, Inc. requested clarity on the implementation of Ordinance 07-2004.

Public Hearing closed.

The Commission directed the Town Attorney to compare how neighboring municipalities handle the collection of their occupational license as it pertains to bays per unit. The Commission indicated that the intent of the Ordinance is not to overcharge the business owners and/or tenants.

MOTION: A motion was made by Commissioner Garretson to defer Ordinance No. 07-2004; Commissioner Otterson made the second.

Vote on Motion:

Commission Member	Yes	No	Other
Commissioner Garretson	X		
Commissioner Otterson	X		
Commissioner Longtin	X		
Vice-Mayor Balius	X		
Mayor Castro	X		

Motion passed 5-0.

ORDINANCES ON FIRST READING

ORDINANCE NO. 03-2004

AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWN COMMISSION OF THE TOWN OF LAKE PARK, FLORIDA, AMENDING CHAPTER 17, ARTICLE III, SECTION 16-74 OF THE TOWN CODE PERTAINING TO THE ISSUANCE OF SPECIAL EVENTS PERMITS FOR NON-TOWN SPONSORED EVENTS BY THE TOWN MANAGER AND THE TOWN COMMISSION; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING FOR CODIFICATION; PROVIDING FOR REPEAL OF LAWS IN CONFLICT; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

The Town Commission agreed to remove the reference of "fireworks & sparklers" from the Ordinance.

MOTION: A motion was made by Vice Mayor Balius to approve

Ordinance No. 03-2004 as amended, Commissioner Otterson made the second.

Vote on Motion:

Commission Member	Yes	No	Other
Commissioner Garretson	X		
Commissioner Otterson	X		
Commissioner Longtin	X		

Vice-Mayor		
Balius	X	
Mayor Castro	37	
	X	

Motion passed 5-0.

QUASI-JUDICIAL PUBLIC HEARING(S): RESOLUTIONS

Deputy Town Clerk Stephanie Thomas swore in the witnesses.

The following Commissioners had no exparte communications to be declared:

Commissioner Longtin Commissioner Garretson Commissioner Otterson Vice Mayor Balius Mayor Castro

RESOLUTION 12-02-04

A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN COMMISSION OF THE TOWN OF LAKE PARK, FLORIDA APPROVING A SITE PLAN FOR A MEDICAL OFFICE OWNED BY JORGE SALLENT, M.D., KNOWN AS THE PEDIATRIC RESPIRATORY CENTER TO ADD APPROXIMATELY 653 SQUARE FEET TO AN EXISTING 6,993 SQUARE FEET BUILDING LOCATED AT 500 FEDERAL HIGHWAY, ON 0.75 ACRES BETWEEN FORESTERIA DRIVE AND EVERGREEN DRIVE, WITHIN THE COMMERCIAL-1 ZONING DISTRICT (C-1); PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING FOR REPEAL OF LAWS AND CONFLICT; PROVIDING CONDITIONS OF APPROVAL; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Jamie Gentile, Calvin, Giordano & Associates, indicated that staff agrees with the Planning and Zoning board to recommend approval of the project. He stated that the applicant has agreed to bring the property up to the current landscaping and the existing drainage will be improved.

The Commission indicated that if the applicant researches the price for the repair of the horses, the Commission will consider matching funds, if the amount is within reason.

MOTION: A motion was made by Vice Mayor Balius to approve Resolution No. 11-01-04 with the condition that the facility has low level lighting. Commissioner Garretson made the second.

Vote on Motion:

Commission Member	Yes	No	Other
Commissioner Garretson	X		
Commissioner Otterson	X		
Commissioner Longtin	X		
Vice-Mayor Balius	X		
Mayor Castro	X		

Motion passed 5-0.

RESOLUTIONS

RESOLUTION NO. 13-02-04

A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN COMMISSION OF THE TOWN OF LAKE PARK, FLORIDA APPROVING AN INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT WITH THE CITY OF PALM BEACH GARDENS; AND AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE THE AGREEMENT; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

MOTION: A motion was made by Commissioner Garretson to approve Resolution No. 13-01-04. Commissioner Otterson made the second.

Vote on Motion:

Commission Member	Yes	No	Other
Commissioner Garretson	X		
Commissioner Otterson	X		
Commissioner Longtin	X		
Vice-Mayor Balius	X		
Mayor Castro	X		

Motion passed 5-0.

DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION:

Evaluation Appraisal Report

John Downs, Vice President of Calvin, Giordano & Associates reported that the Evaluation and Appraisal Report (EAR) Workshop had a great turn out. Mr. Downs indicated that the result of the meeting was that most people felt the important issues were mass transit, a parks and recreation facility and density issues. The residents expressed a desire to preserve the "small town" atmosphere. (see exhibit A) By consensus from the Town Commission, Mr. Downs will be contacting Tallahassee and moving forward with the next step of the EAR process. There was general consensus among the Commission.

COMMENTS BY COMMISSION, TOWN MANAGER AND TOWN ATTORNEY

Mayor Castro

Mayor Castro honored the lives of the late Hank Skokowski of Urban Design Studio and former Mayor of the Town of Palm Beach, Mayor Paul Ilyinsky.

Vice Mayor Balius

Vice Mayor Balius suggested that the Traffic Study from 1991 be pulled to be evaluated and compared to the priorities of the residents expressed at the EAR workshop. He thanked Town Manager Drymon for allowing Palmetto Drive to remain at least partially open. (The Department of Transportation had plans to block the road for several weeks) Vice Mayor Balius apologized for not responding to the business owners who left messages for him in that he knew their issues would be addressed by the Town Attorney at the Commission Meeting.

Commissioner Longtin

Commissioner Longtin publicly noted that the Neighborhood Watch meeting will be held on Saturday, February 21, 2004 at 11:00 a.m. She also mentioned that Palm Beach County will be holding a 5 ½ hour meeting in the Commission Chambers on February 26, 2004 regarding the Lake Park Scrub area. Commissioner Longtin indicated that free smoke alarms can be obtained by calling 561-734-0423. She provided her contact number, 561-881-3309.

Commissioner Otterson

MOTION: A motion was made by Commissioner Otterson for Bambi McKibbon-Turner to receive a proclamation for her outstanding service to the Town of Lake Park. Commissioner Longtin made the second.

Vote on Motion:

Commission Member	Yes	No	Other
Commissioner			
Garretson	X		

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X		
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	X	X

Motion passed 5-0.

Mayor Castro indicated that he would like to see the Employee of the Year Award implemented.

Commissioner Garretson

Commissioner Garretson indicated that he would like to focus on the acceleration of annexation as it pertains to the western and northern vicinity of the Town. Mayor Castro explained that Calvin, Giordano & Associates would have to put in more time to work on accomplishing the annexation issues. Town Manager Drymon will provide a report to the Town Commission within five to seven days on the topic of an estimate of extended time Calvin, Giordano & Associates will need to work on annexation.

Town Manager Drymon

Town Manager Drymon explained the Lake Park Scrub Area meeting. He stated that the Town Attorney is in the process of developing a new minimum housing code. He stated that staff requested direction from the Commission on the signage code and he was informed that he should be enforcing the code exactly as it is written. As a result Officer Durgin began to enforce the signage code which generated complaints from business owners. Town Manager Drymon stated that notices will be provided to all applicable parties to inform them to expect the enforcement of the code as it pertains to signage.

Town Attorney Baird

Town Attorney Baird indicated that he was pleased with the honoring of Hank Skokowski of Urban Design Studio by Mayor Castro. He stated that Mr. Skokowski was a personal and professional friend and that he left many marks throughout Palm Beach County. He reported that the Circuit Court has disposed of the Town's motion for Partial Summary Judgment in the Firefighters Pension Board case. He requested that the Commission conduct an Attorney—Client session to discuss the case. The pleasure of the Town Commission was to schedule an Attorney-Client Session on March 3, 2004 at 7:30 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business to come before the Commission, after a motion to adjourn by Vice Mayor Balius, seconded by Commissioner Ottersonand by unanimous vote, the meeting adjourned at 9:25p.m.

Mayor Paul Castro

Deputy Town Clerk, Stephanie Thomas

Approved on this 3rd day of March 2004.



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Calvin, Giordano & Associates, Inc.

Engineers • Surveyors • Planners

EXHIBIT

February 13, 2004

J. Douglas Drymon Town Manager Town of Lake Park 535 Park Avenue Lake Park, Florida, 33403

RE: EAR Community Scoping Meeting Report

Dear Mr. Drymon:

Attached hereto is an Issues Summary of the January 28, 2004 EAR Community Scoping Meeting/Workshop. Staff has reviewed the information that was collected from the 7 discussion groups that evening and found nine (9) issues that appear to be significant to the Town and consistent throughout our analysis of the information. Also included in this report is the complete list of issues raised by the public. Although a great majority of these issues are not considered topics relevant to the Town's Comprehensive Plan, Staff has included those items as topics that may require future consideration.

Staff's methodology for solidifying the most significant issues was to isolate consistent themes or topics that transpired amongst the different discussion topics and the seven (7) discussion groups. Staff primarily focused on three (3) main topics of discussion:

- 1. What do you like about your Town?
- 2. What would like to see changed about your Town?
- 3. What would you like to see incorporated in the Town's Comprehensive Plan?

From the various discussions, similar patterns or topics emerged which enabled Staff to combine similar subjects.

At the January 28, 2004 workshop, Staff had also requested that the public and community representatives in attendance pinpoint the 7 most significant issues that were produced by the focus groups. The community used a series of dots and/or check marks to emphasize the most important issues. Although this did not prove to be the most proficient method for isolating important topics/issues, it was still a useful guide to whittle down the long list of issues that was conveyed by the public

Once Staff isolated the consistent themes and topics, and further reduced the list of issues based on importance, Staff again looked for consistent themes amongst the remaining

Reply to:

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560 Village Boulevard Suite 340 West Palm Beach, FL 33409 Phone: (561) 684-6161 Fax: (561) 684-6360 subjects. In addition, Staff also excluded topics that were not relevant to Comprehensive Plan policies, goals and objectives.

As stated, Staff has narrowed the topics to nine (9) issues and has provided the Town with potential actions to address each subject on the subsequent pages. Upon review and approval of these priorities by the Town Commission for inclusion in the EAR Report, Staff must meet with the State and its various agencies to determine any other deficiencies within the Town's Comprehensive Plan that must be addressed and included in the EAR submittal to the State.

Sincerely,

CALVIN, GIORDANO & ASSOCIATES, INC.

Jamie A. Gentile Planning Director

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Town Commission

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Attachments

Issue 1: Town Police and Fire Services

SUMMARY

A consistent theme throughout the scooping meeting discussions was the public's desire for Town operated Police and Fire-Rescue Services and for increased Public Safety. The most recent version of the Comprehensive Plan does not specifically state that the Town must maintain and operate its own public safety services, leaving an opportunity to outsource emergency services. Although not potentially a Comprehensive Plan issue, due to the overwhelming response regarding this issue, Staff is compelled to bring this information to the attention of the Town Commission.

ACTIVITIES TO BE EXPLORED TO ADDRESS THIS ISSUE

Although this issue is not a pertinent Comprehensive Plan or EAR Based Amendment issue, it is an extremely important subject to the residents of the Town and may need to be addressed at a later date.

Issue 2: Community Design and Architecture

SUMMARY

Another consistent theme throughout the various discussions of the scooping meeting was a request for the Town to consider architectural or design standards for the downtown and commercial areas within the Town. The Park Avenue Downtown District does require new developments within the district to comply with a specific architectural style, but there is generally not a consistent design style implemented throughout the Town. Architecture is only regulated in two zoning district within the Town's Land Development Regulations. The Comprehensive Plan does not contain any architectural or community design policies

ACTIVITIES TO BE EXPLORED TO ADDRESS THIS ISSUE

The Town may wish to implement as part of the future land use element a goal and/or objective that speaks to Community Planning and Design. The Town could encourage the development of positive community identification and appearance by implementing unique and architectural and site design themes for different areas of the Town, or strive for a unified community appearance. Further, the Town may elect to establish an Architectural Review Board to implement and enforce the appearance of new, redeveloped or refurbished structures within the Town limits. This potential element may also include design related guidelines to encourage crime prevention, or improve roadway appearance.

Issue 3: Improved Roadways and Drainage

SUMMARY

An important issue to the Town residents was the improvement of drainage facilities and major roadways with the Town. As previously mentioned the roadways within the Town could be improved utilizing Community Design and/or beautification efforts. It should be noted that most of the major thoroughfares within the Town are either State or County Roadways, subject to their jurisdictional control. In addition, improving to the drainage system has been an on-going effort within the Town.

ACTIVITIES TO BE EXPLORED TO ADDRESS THIS ISSUE

The Town's Comprehensive Plan currently has provisions for both traffic circulation (roadway network) and a drainage assessment. The information found within the most current version of the Comprehensive Plan is older and potentially outdated. The Town may wish to update the assessments done on drainage capacity and traffic circulation and establish a more defined Capitol Improvements schedule to address potential issues. The Town may also wish to explore establishing a more defined inter-local agreement with Palm Beach County to address roadway and traffic concerns. Cost of improvements and sources of funding those types of improvements may also need to be considered

Issue 4: Mass Transit

SUMMARY

Mass Transit appeared to be a recurring theme during the public discussion. Mass Transit opportunities currently exist via several Palm Tran Routes. Palm Tran states that all bus routes have connections to Tri-Rail Stations. Specifically the citizens had mentioned the possibility of having a Tri-Rail Station within the Town's municipal limits. In addition, the public also showed interest in creating a local transit route. The existing Comprehensive Plan has a section devoted to Mass Transit (4.5.5). The section only discusses that the Town's population at that time was too small to feasibly consider local transit routes.

ACTIVITIES TO BE EXPLORED TO ADDRESS THIS ISSUE.

Increasing partnerships (Inter-Governmental Coordination) with the Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO), Palm Tran and the Florida Department of Transportation. The Town may wish to establish a section within the Transportation Element setting goals and objectives for Multi-Modal Transit opportunities. It is recommended that the Town also include alternative sources of funding for additional transit stops (Tri-Rail Station) and/or a local transit system. The Town should conduct a study to re-assess the Town's population with respect to Mass Transit.

Issue 5: Historic Preservation

SUMMARY

Section 5.2.6 of the Town's current Comprehensive Plan states that there are no locally designated historically significant housing units within the Town. This information is obviously out of date with the more recent efforts by the Town to preserve historically significant structures. A desire to preserve and celebrate the Town's history was a prevalent discussion throughout the workshop.

ACTIVITIES TO BE EXPLORED TO ADDRESS THIS ISSUE

Since the Town has done a fairly extensive survey of historic structures and sites within the Town, Staff would recommend that this section of the Comprehensive Plan be updated and reflect those preservation efforts. It is also recommended that the Town consider policies to ensure continued preservation and cooperation with State and National Historic Register. Further the Town may wish to explore guidelines within the Town's Code to prohibit the destruction and/or modification of historically significant structures.

Issue 6: Improved Parks and Recreation Facilities & Activities

SUMMARY

Staff's analysis also discovered that this issue was of significant interest to the public. The Town's Comprehensive Plan does have a Recreation and Open Space Element (9.0). The primary issue with the residents was to further establish youth, adult and cultural activities as well as provide additional park amenities and the maintenance of existing facilities.

ACTIVITIES TO BE EXPLORED TO ADDRESS THIS ISSUE

Staff would recommend the Town consider re-evaluating its existing recreation and open space areas with current and estimated population totals of the Town. This element may need to be revised to reflect more current growth numbers. Should the Town wish to expand open space and recreation facilities, targeted locations may need to be identified for potential purchase by the Town. Alternative sources of funding for the acquisition of open space areas may need to be explored. The Town may also wish to re-evaluate current standards for the inclusion of open space and/or contribution to park and recreation facilities through new and redevelopment projects within the Town.

Issue 7: Economic Development

SUMMARY

Another prevalent issue discussed was the promotion of Economic Development within the downtown area and throughout the Town. At present the Town Manager has established a Staff committee to address economic expansion and needs of the Town. The Comprehensive Plan does not currently address future economic expansion or viability. The primary focus of this discussion was to attract more businesses to the Town and specifically in to the Downtown area along Park Avenue. Several comments were centralized around more recognized businesses or name brand type companies.

ACTIVITIES TO BE EXPLORED TO ADDRESS THIS ISSUE

The Town has taken a great step in the right direction with the establishment of a committee to assess the economic growth of the Town. Due to the large public interest on this issue it may be pertinent to formalize this committee and include more citizen involvement. The Town should incorporate policies, goals and objectives in the Comprehensive Plan to formalize procedures and steps to achieving economic stability. In addition, the Town may want to consider establishing economic development zones or areas within the Town that will attract business and provide either alternative sources for funding or tax relief. Staff would also suggest the increased cooperation with the Palm Beach County Office of Economic Development.

Issue 8: Residential Density

SUMMARY

The residents of Town have a desire to see the reduction of density within residential areas. Specifically, the discussion focused the discontinuation of apartment and/or multi-family developments. The primary concern regarding this issue was the preservation of the single-family neighborhoods from the proliferation of rental dwelling units and absentee landlords. Currently the Future Land Use Element permits 5 units per acre for low-density designations, 15 units per acre for medium density designations, and 20 units per acre for high-density land use designations. Recently, there has been discussion regarding the creation of residential transition areas, which generally establishes higher density residential areas adjacent to more intense non-residential areas. Although Staff is supportive of that type of development pattern, as it is consistent with good planning practices, it would significantly increase multi-family and apartment developments within the Town. A reduction in the allocated density of some land use designations would also respond to another concern of the Town residents, that being high-rise type development.

ACTIVITIES TO BE EXPLORED TO ADDRESS THIS ISSUE

The Town should re-evaluate the anticipated population trends projected for this area and reassess existing residential availability in relation to the growing needs of the community/region. The Town may wish to modify its future land use map to reduce higher densities in certain areas of the Town and increase the availability of multifamily housing in another areas to maintain balanced growth.

Issue 9: Preservation of Small Town Character

SUMMARY

The residents throughout the various discussion topics and amongst nearly all the discussion groups emphasized keeping the "small town character". Although this may be difficult to define and incorporate into the Comprehensive Plan it seemed important enough to mention in the issue summary for consideration.

ACTIVITIES TO BE EXPLORED TO ADDRESS THIS ISSUE

If it is the desire of the Town to preserve a small town character, several steps have already been suggested above to encourage that type of development and redevelopment within the Town. This could also include encouraging a more pedestrian friendly environment, restricting the size and intensity of new or redevelopment projects, encouraging more community/neighborhood events or festivals and/or the reestablishment of the Town's historic master plan. The Town may also want to restrict certain types of uses or developments that may conflict preservation of the small town character. As stated it is difficult to establish a specific goal or policy to achieve this goal, it rnay be necessary to assess the entire Comprehensive Plan and revise and establish multiple policies to achieve this goal.

Exhibit Summary

The attached Exhibits include the information collected by Staff. Exhibit A. depicts similar themes and issues that were consistently raised by the Public. Staff itemized the most pertinent issues in this Exhibit based on appropriateness, the number of times it was mentioned and by how many dots and/or check marks were placed next to the issue. Issues that were not deemed appropriate for the EAR or signified by few dots and/or check marks were listed as not being significant and thus not included in the Issues summary.

Exhibit B is the unedited raw data that was collected by Staff, this data maybe useful for future Town discussions.

Exhibit A

Consistent Themes and Issues

Topic/Discussion: What do you like about your Town?

- Large lots (no 0-lot homes); ******
- Close proximity for business/residential:*******
- Friendly & Accessible Commission; *
- Proposed mixed-use projects; *****
- Parks throughout Town; ************
- Wide roads;
- Restaurants; **
- Architectural style of Fire House and Post Office; **
- Good zoning principals; *******
- School; *********
- Diversity of culture; *****
- New homes; *
- Redevelopment of Park Avenue (lights, tower, pavers); *******
- Community involvement; **********
- Pedestrian Flavor/Lack of Traffic; *****
- Town's Public Works Department; ****
- Good response from fire/rescue; ******
- Town library; ****
- Volunteer boards (decision-making/input) ***
- Great location: ********
- Local events for community; ******
- Waterfront Park & Marina; ***********
- Few restrictive regulations;*****
- Seacoast utilities;
- Neighborhood feel (single family homes);*
- Quiet residential; *****
- Nice clean school; **
- Waterfront community (marina); *
- Town run sanitation; *
- Neighborhood watches; **
- Like having a downtown (Main Street); **
- Community festivals; ******
- Availability of shopping;
- Pedestrian connections; **
- Preservation of residential areas; **

Topic/Discussion: What would you like to change about the Town?

- Increase response time for emergency services;
- Larger & Better Coordinated Town Events;
- Increase/enlarge businesses on Park Avenue;
- Add businesses to Park Avenue that will attract family's to area (example: ice cream store); *****
- Town staff services, coordinated better for permitting;
- Tri-rail station in town; ****
- Maintain allevs/roads better: ****
- Update zoning and code; *****
- Improve lighting, especially in industrial area; ************
- Maintain/Increase number of trees/greenery;******
- More sidewalks; *
- Pedestrian friendly retail:**
- Drainage;
- Animal control;
- Exterior house color controls (no hot colors);
- Empty lots on Park Avenue (no one maintains);
- Street signage
- Curfew (implement curfew for kids);
- Loitering (put a stop to this);
- Fishing Pier (need one);
- Poor crossing on US-1;
- Library should be brought up-to-date and be a part of the county system;
- Not enough traffic calming;
- Improvement to parks (facilities, landscaping, etc..); ****
- No more apartments lower densities (multi-family areas); *******
- Crime prevention through environmental design (EPTD); ****
- More structured activities for children and adults;***
- Disaster management; **
- Better public relations;
- No proliferation of negative downtown businesses (nightclubs, bars, etc.):
- More high-end businesses (arts/crafts, antiques);
- Redevelop and keep small town feeling;
- Keep density as is/ "Enforce current rules"
- Improve parking facilities in residential and commercial areas:

Topic/Discussion: Issues to be addressed in Comp. Plan:

- Consistency of the downtown buildings from an architectural point of view;
 ************************ (Issue 2)
- Need for urban design (better lighting, landscaping, roads, signage, etc..); *******
 (Consistent with Issue 2)
- Improved Roads & Drainage (major roads); ******* (Issue 3)
- Mass Transit Opportunities; ******* (Issue 4)
- Historic Preservation;********* (Issue 5)
- Encourage redevelopment of commercial areas; *********(Issue 7)
- Improve intergovernmental coordination;** (Not considered a significant issue)
- Encourage annexation (few remaining areas); ** (Not considered a significant issue)
- Encourage Economic Development along Park Ave/Town. *********************************(Issue 7)
- Want to see lower densities;****************** (Issue 8)
- No zero-lot line development; *** (Not considered a significant issue)
- Preservation of existing commercial; (Not considered a significant issue)
- Better Utilities***** (Not considered a significant issue)
- Equal opportunity for all members of the community from the government (favoritism, treatment); (Not considered a significant issue/Not a Comp Plan issue)
- Reevaluation of the land uses in downtown area; (Not considered a significant issue)
- Don't want a big city; ******* (Issue 9)
- Don't want gated communities; ******** (Not a Comp Plan issue)
- Attract quality stores to the Town (fine boutiques); (Issue 7)
- Bike lanes and pedestrian facilities; ********(Issue 4 & 9)
- Development of evacuation plan for natural disasters, hurricane shelter *; (Not considered a significant issue)
- No more industrial developments; ** (Not considered a significant issue)
- More consistent zoning; ****** (Not considered a significant issue)
- Low income housing; (Not considered a significant issue)
- Marina development Mixed uses; *** (Not considered a significant issue)
- No high rises (no more than 4-stories); ********* (Issue 8 & 9)
- Actively pursue alternative funding sources; (Mentioned under most issues)
- Improve public image; create a destination, maintain community appearance
 ******* (Issue 2)
- More educational facilities for children;* (Not considered a significant issue)
- Provide upscale art and community events; ******* (Issue 6)
- Code enforcement; ********* (Not a Comp Plan Issue)
- No more big box retailers; ** (Not considered a significant issue)
- Main street concepts on Park Avenue ideals; ************ (Issue 2)
- Security public safety; ** (Issue 1)
- Regulate absentee landlords; *********** (Issue 8)
- Market existing facilities to business but no tax give-aways; (Not considered a significant issue)
- Town should not annex * (Not considered a significant issue)

Exhibit B

Un-Edited List of Town Issues and Concerns

What do you like about your Town?

- House spacing, a place to raise children;
- Parks and recreational areas;
- · Peaceful & quiet;
- Small town, no need for motor transportation;
- Safe place;
- · Clean;
- Single family housing and residential areas.
- Multi-diverse town; **
- High rated school (new) ***
- Waterfront town activities;
- Small town feel; *
- Large lots (no 0-lot homes); ****
- Great remodeled parks & programs;
- Close proximity for business/residential;
- Citizens on patrol.
- Good start to Park Avenue;
- Historic District (tour); *
- Friendly & Accessible Commission; *
- Community watch;
- Proposed mixed-use projects; *****
- Parks throughout Town; ****
- View of ICW; **
- Historical homes; ****
- Proximity to beaches/marina; ****
- Sidewalks;
- Wide roads:
- Historic Main Street; *********
- Community activities; *****
- Civic involvement;
- Restaurants; **
- Architectural style of Fire House and Post Office; **
- Good zoning principals; *
- Rich history; *
- School; *
- Sheriffs Department presence in community; ***
- Easy access to shopping; **
- Good library; **
- Diversity of culture; *
- New homes; *
- Redevelopment of Park Avenue (lights, tower, pavers); *******
- Community involvement; *****

- Pedestrian flavor; ****
- Town's Public Works Department; ****
- Good response from fire/rescue; ******
- Town library; **
- · Recreation areas/ball fields; ***
- Historic character; *****
- Volunteer boards (decision-making/input) ***
- Cultural diversity;
- Great location; ********
- Local events for community; ******
- Lack of traffic;
- Waterfront Park & marina; *****
- Own Elementary school;
- No P.O.A. fees;
- Few restrictive regulations;
- Use of easements;
- Seacoast utilities;
- Youth sports organization;
- Best private school in PBC;
- Large single-family lots;
- No HOA's; ****
- · Neighborhood feel (single family homes);
- Quiet residential; *****
- Nice clean school; **
- Waterfront community (marina); *
- Town run sanitation; *
- Neighborhood watches; **
- Like having a downtown (Main Street); **
- Parks
- Community festivals; ******
- · Availability of shopping;
- Pedestrian connections; **
- Historically Planned Community;
- Good zoning (separation of uses); ***
- Preservation of residential areas; **
- Park and recreational activities; **

What would you like to change?

- Lack of code enforcement; ********
- Increase response time for emergency services;
- Increase Town events;
- Increase/enlarge businesses on Park Avenue;
- Add street lighting; *****
- Add businesses to Park Avenue that will attract family's to area (example: ice cream store); *****
- · Parking at Town events;
- · Town staff services, coordinated better for permitting;
- Tri-rail station in town; ****

- Maintain alleys/roads better; ****
- Improved landscaping & paving;
- R1 zoning enforced; ******
- Update zoning and code; *****
- Improve lighting, especially in industrial area; *******
- Maintain/Increase number of trees/greenery;*****
- Less rental property; *********
- More retail; *
- More sidewalks; *
- · Pedestrian friendly retail;
- Community/Volunteer;**
- Elderly programs; **
- · Local police & fire (bring them back; *****
- Better code enforcement (residential & commercial);
- Drainage:
- Animal control;
- Exterior house color controls (no hot colors);
- Empty lots on Park Avenue (no one maintains);
- Street signage
- Curfew (implement curfew for kids);
- Loitering (put a stop to this);
- Fishing Pier (need one);
- · No charge at marina fro residents;
- Poor crossing on US-1;
- Library should be brought up-to-date and be a part of the county system;
- Increase number of police patrols;
- Drug enforcement (not enough);
- Not enough traffic calming;
- · Improved code enforcement to benefit Town;
- Noise control:
- Sight triangles on roadway.
- Do not want contract services (police, fire) **********
- Improvement to parks (facilities, landscaping, etc..); ****
- Increased code enforcement; *******
- No more apartments lower densities (multi-family areas); ********
- Crime prevention through environmental design (EPTD); ****
- More structured activities for children and adults;
- Disaster management; **
- Better public relations;
- No proliferation of negative downtown businesses (nightclubs, bars, etc.);
- More high-end businesses (arts/crafts, antiques);
- Redevelop and keep small town feeling;
- "Mom & Pop" redevelopment;
- Keep density as is/ "Enforce current rules"
- Street lighting similar to Park Avenue;
- Improve parking facilities in residential and commercial areas;
- Some places like flea markets.

Issues to be addressed in Comp. Plan:

- Having own services (police/fire); *********
- Consistency of the downtown buildings from and architectural point of view; ****
- Need for urban design (better lighting, landscaping, roads, signage, etc..); ***
- Roads & Drainage (major roads/Park Avenue); **
- Transportation (Tri-Rail station); *
- Consistent landscaping along roads; *
- Continue Historic Preservation;
- Allow and encourage redevelopment of commercial areas; *
- Improve Lakeside Park. *****
- Improve intergovernmental coordination on proposed projects;
- Add small neighborhood "tot lots"; *
- Encourage annexation (few remaining areas); *
- Extend Park Avenue to encourage Economic Development. ********
- Better Intergovernmental Coordination with State Agencies:
- Lower densities:
- No zero-lot line development; **
- Better drainage;
- · Preservation of existing commercial;
- Refurbishing old buildings; ***
- Better utilization of park.
- · Calculated Annexation (if any at all):
- Maintain & support current borders first; *
- Increased utility provider services;
- Underground utilities. **
- Traffic in the downtown area and the marina should be addressed;
- Updated at the utilities system;
- Transportation center;
- Recreation and education for children;
- Equal opportunity for all members of the community from the government (favoritism, treatment);
- Reevaluation of the land uses in downtown area;
- Update traffic studies and search for new solutions for the future;
- Don't want a big city; *******
- Don't want gated communities; ********
- Consistency at the residential & commercial areas;
- Attract quality stores to the Town (fine boutiques);
- Bike lanes and pedestrian facilities; ******
- Dog park, facilities for dog owners; *****
- Development of evacuation plan for natural disasters, hurricanes;
- Park Avenue; *
- No more industrial developments; **
- Extend commercial on Park Avenue: *
- More Historic Preservation; ******
- More consistent zoning; *****
- · Better transportation connections;
- Low density residential; ***

- Destination point;
- Low income housing;
- Utility infrastructure;
- Maintenance of Town easements; ***
- Marina development Mixed uses; ***
- Bike lanes; **
- No high rises (no more than 4-stories); *******
- · Community bus system;
- Tri-Rail station;
- Improve major north-south roads (like Park Ave.);
- Extend Park Avenue to Congress;
- Centralize Commercial & Industrial;
- Senior Center;
- Maintain current parks (more picnic areas);
- · More community recreation involvement;
- Lighting in parks;
- "Heart Trail"
- After school programs for kids;
- Create "Business Development Board" for Town;
- Hurricane shelters;
- Beautify bus stops (transit locations);
- Actively pursue alternative funding sources;
- Improve public image
- No zero-lot line;
- Overlay of existing roads;
- Enhancement of crosswalks; *
- More uniform architecture; **
- More educational facilities for children;
- More recreation (pool);
- Historic train depot;
- More upscale art and community events; **
- Historical district; ***
- Community appearance upkeep;
- Stop outsourcing; **
- Trees on Park Avenue; **
- Add more up-scale restaurants and shops; *******
- Appearance of buildings; **
- Code enforcement; *********
- More development of satellite parks;
- No more big box retailers; **
- Security public safety; **
- Sticking to budget on Town buildings; ****
- More community events; *****
- Architectural inconsistencies/building scale limitations/historical scale (Park Ave.); *****
- Billboards location on 6th Street park;
- More focus on historical heritage (Olmstead Brothers plan); 888888
- Less rentals; *******

- Regulate absentee landlords; ***********
- Street lighting;
- No density bonus system;
- Maximum number of residents per house;
- Density happy with current;
- Parks and Recreation keep facilities as is (members only)— need to maintain;
- Improved inter-governmental coordination;
- Market existing facilities to business but no tax give-aways;
- Town should not annex

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